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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

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AMEMBASSY ROME

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, EEC

SUBJECT: COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO TAX VEGETABLE FATS  
AND OILS

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 6746; (B) BONN 11475

1. IN INITIAL COMMENTS TO EMBOFFS, WORKING LEVEL MFA  
AND ECONMIN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO  
COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS RANGING FROM STRONG TO GUARDED.  
ECONMIN DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY MORAWITZ TOLD ECON/COMC'L  
MINISTER THAT ECONMIN WAS COMPLETELY OPPOSED. KUEHN  
(DIRECTOR OF ECONMIN TRADE POLICY DESK) SAID THAT  
FRG WILL SEE THAT LEGITIMATE US INTERESTS ARE  
PROTECTED (BUT DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT HE PERCEIVED  
THESE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS TO BE, OTHER THAN TO OBSERVE  
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THAT PROPOSED TAX WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH GATT

OBLIGATIONS AS LONG AS TAX PROCEEDS NOT USED IN SUCH  
A WAY AS TO CAUSE MARKET DISTORTION.)

2. FREITAG, DIRECTOR OF EC TRADE DESK IN MFA, TOLD  
EMBOFF THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO COMMISSION'S  
PROPOSAL, BUT NOTED THAT MFA HAD NOT YET TAKEN A  
POSITION. FREITAG EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT  
LEGAL BASIS UNDER ROME TREATY FOR PROPOSED TAX,  
INASMUCH AS COMMUNITY DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO TAX.  
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